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August 16, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PROPOSITION 218 ASSESSMENT BALLOTS—
CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES STORM DRAIN USER FEE
(FOURTH) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Support the proposed new Proposition 218 City of Rancho Palos Verdes (City) Storm Drain User Fee (Assessment) on properties owned by the County of Los Angeles (County) under the City's new long-term Water Quality and Flood Protection program at an annual cost of \$12,383, subject to an annual inflation adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) not to exceed two percent, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to cast the ballots in support of the proposed Assessment for the properties.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the proposed special property benefit Assessment on the County-owned properties under the City's new long-term Water Quality and Flood Protection program will allow for the repair, reconstruction, and maintenance of the City's storm drain system and installation of filtration devices to reduce polluted runoff and protect the coastal water quality. The new proposed fee will be assessed against various County facilities as described in Attachment A. The ballots must be received by the City Clerk's office no later than 8:00 p.m. on August 30, 2005.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we improve the well-being of children and families in the County, one area of which is safety and survival (Goal 5). Support for the new Assessment levied against the County property to improve and maintain the City's storm drain system, reduce pollution, and protect the coastal water quality fills an identified need and supports this strategy.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Should the establishment of the Assessment be successful, the estimated total annual assessments of the County parcels will be \$12,383 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2006-07, which will be paid by the Rent Expense Budget and charged to the occupying departments. Sufficient funding has been proposed in the FY 2006-07 budget to service the required appropriations.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

As a result of the passage of Proposition 218, property owned by government agencies, including Los Angeles County, became subject to assessment by various County and non-County benefit assessment districts on July 1, 1997. The County, like other property owners, is able to cast ballots supporting or opposing the assessments and its ballot will be weighted to reflect its proportionate share of the total assessment. Publicly owned properties are no longer exempt from the assessment unless the parcels receive no special benefit. The agency cannot increase an assessment or impose a new assessment if a majority of the ballots returned oppose the proposed Assessment.

The method of assessment is determined by the amount each parcel uses the storm drain system. The amount of storm runoff contributed by each parcel into the system is directly proportional to the amount of impervious area on a parcel, such as buildings and concrete.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

None.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, return the adopted stamped Board letter to the Chief Administrative Office, Real Estate Division, 222 South Hill Street, 4th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Respectfully submitted,


DAVID E. JANSSEN *DA*
Chief Administrative Officer

DEJ:CWW
SDH:RC:dg

c: County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Fire Department
Internal Services Department
Department of Parks and Recreation

Attachments

Prop218-RPV-StormDrainFee.b

ATTACHMENT A

**CITY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES
STORM DRAIN USER FEE (ASSESSMENT)
(FISCAL YEAR 2006-07)**

<u>COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES</u>	<u>ASSESSMENT FEE</u>
1. APN 7588-018-902 LOS VERDES GOLF COURSE 7000 W. LOS VERDES DR. RANCHO PALOS VERDES	\$11,864.35
2. APN 7561-001-901, 902 & 903 FIRE STATION 83 83 MIRALESTE PLAZA RANCHO PALOS VERDES	176.38
3. APN 7573-006-900 FIRE STATION 53 6124 PALOS VERDES DR. RANCHO PALOS VERDES	111.51
4. APN 7589-013-904 ISD/ITS-ROLLING HILLS TRANSMITTER 5741 CRESTRIDGE RD. RANCHO PALOS VERDES	171.27
5. APN 7568-012-900 PRIVATE ROAD (CAO TAX-DEEDED) STALLION RD. RANCHO PALOS VERDES	59.03
	<hr/> \$12,383.00

Rancho Palos Verdes Storm Drain User Fee – Official Property Owner Ballot

Assessor's Parcel Number: 7588-018-902

Owner Name: L A COUNTY

Proposed Maximum FY 06-07 Annual Fee Amount (see below): \$ 11864.35

To provide the City of Rancho Palos Verdes with a dedicated funding source for up to 30 years to:

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☐ **YES** I support the proposed annual Storm Drain User Fee

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Date

Printed Name

Signature

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Assessor's Parcel Number: 7588-018-902

Property Address: NO SITUS

Land Use Designation: GOV

Parcel Area (acres): 162.79

Impervious Percentage: 0.100

ERUs: 137.9576

Proposed Max. FY 06-07 Annual Fee Amount*** \$ 11864.35

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Rancho Palos Verdes Storm Drain User Fee – Official Property Owner Ballot

Assessor's Parcel Number: 7561-001-901

Owner Name: L A COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE O DIST

Proposed Maximum FY 06-07 Annual Fee Amount (see below): \$ 38.63

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Assessor's Parcel Number: 7561-001-901

Property Address: NO SITUS

Land Use Designation: GOV

Parcel Area (acres): 0.07

Impervious Percentage: 0.750

ERUs: 0.4492

Proposed Max. FY 06-07 Annual Fee Amount* \$ 38.63**

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Rancho Palos Verdes Storm Drain User Fee – Official Property Owner Ballot

Assessor's Parcel Number: 7561-001-903

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Owner Name: L A COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PRO DIST

Proposed Maximum FY 06-07 Annual Fee Amount (see below): \$ 104.95

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Assessor's Parcel Number: 7561-001-903

Property Address: 83 MIRALESTE PLZ

Land Use Designation: GOV

Parcel Area (acres): 0.18

Impervious Percentage: 0.800

ERUs: 1.2203

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Rancho Palos Verdes Storm Drain User Fee – Official Property Owner Ballot

Assessor's Parcel Number: 7573-006-900

Owner Name: L A COUNTY CONSOLIDATED FIRE PRO DIST

Proposed Maximum FY 06-07 Annual Fee Amount (see below): \$ 111.51

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Assessor's Parcel Number: 7573-006-900

Property Address: 6124 PALOS VERDES DR S

Land Use Designation: GOV

Parcel Area (acres): 0.34

Impervious Percentage: 0.450

ERUs: 1.2966

Proposed Max. FY 06-07 Annual Fee Amount*** \$ 111.51

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Rancho Palos Verdes Storm Drain User Fee – Official Property Owner Ballot

Assessor's Parcel Number: 7589-013-904

Owner Name: L A COUNTY

Proposed Maximum FY 06-07 Annual Fee Amount (see below): \$ 171.27

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Assessor's Parcel Number: 7589-013-904

Property Address: 5741 CRESTRIDGE RD

Land Use Designation: GOV

Parcel Area (acres): 0.67

Impervious Percentage: 0.350

ERUs: 1.9915

Proposed Max. FY 06-07 Annual Fee Amount \$ 171.27

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Rancho Palos Verdes Storm Drain User Fee – Official Property Owner Ballot

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Owner Name: L A COUNTY

Proposed Maximum FY 06-07 Annual Fee Amount (see below): \$ 59.03

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Assessor's Parcel Number: 7568-012-900

Property Address: NO SITUS

Land Use Designation: GOV

Parcel Area (acres): 0.09

Impervious Percentage: 0.900

ERUs: 0.6864

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June 22, 2005

Dear Rancho Palos Verdes Property Owner,

As you know, this winter our City suffered significant damage from heavy rains. Our storm drain system was unable to handle the amount of storm water runoff that flowed from our hills and canyons to the ocean. The City Council responded by establishing a long-term Water Quality and Flood Protection Program to repair and maintain our storm drain system.

As a property owner, this is your opportunity to vote on an annual Storm Drain User Fee. If approved by property owners, the Fee would provide the City of Rancho Palos Verdes with a dedicated funding source to:

- ▶ **Repair, reconstruct and maintain the storm drain system throughout the City and**
- ▶ **Install filtration devices to reduce polluted runoff and protect coastal water quality.**

This envelope contains your official notice about the proposed Storm Drain User Fee, a separate official ballot and a reply envelope. Please take a moment to review the information and then vote. Please be sure your ballot arrives at City Hall (by mail or in person) by **8 p.m., Tuesday, August 30, 2005.**

If you have any questions, please contact: Dennis McLean, Director of Finance and Technology, City of Rancho Palos Verdes, (310) 544-5377 or stormdrainfee@rpv.com. You will also find much more information on our website: www.palosverdes.com/rpv/water_quality_flood_protection.

Thank you very much for taking the time to consider this important issue for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

Sincerely,

Les Evans
City Manager

Notice to Property Owners and Your Property Owner Ballot for the Proposed Storm Drain User Fee in the City of Rancho Palos Verdes

This notice informs you, as an owner of property within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, that on June 21, 2005, the City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing the City Clerk to conduct a Property Owner Mail Ballot vote for a proposed annual Storm Drain User Fee. The Fee would provide a dedicated funding source for the City's **Water Quality and Flood Protection Program** (Program). To submit the enclosed Property Owner Ballot, please follow the directions in the "Summary of Property Owner Ballot Procedures" on the back of your yellow ballot sheet.

Please mail or personally deliver your ballot to the City Clerk's office at City Hall, located at 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. Your ballot must arrive by no later than **8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2005**. Ballots received after this deadline will not be counted.

Information about Storm Drains and the Water Quality and Flood Protection Program

Rancho Palos Verdes needs to spend about \$25 million (in 2005 dollars) over approximately 30 years to repair its deteriorating storm drain system. The City recently established the **Water Quality and Flood Protection Program**, funded with a \$2 million contribution from General Fund Reserves. However, the City does not currently have sufficient Reserves or net revenue to fund the cost of the Program. If Reserves were used to fund the Program, they would be nearly depleted in about five years. Property owners are now being asked to vote on an annual Storm Drain User Fee to provide a dedicated funding source for the Program.

The City's storm drain system collects and carries storm water runoff directly to the ocean. Maintaining the system in good condition helps keep the ocean clean, minimizes property damage, bluff erosion, mud flows and traffic problems due to floods and sinkholes, and can help avoid potential lawsuits after failures.

This winter's storms caused widespread damage to public and private property throughout the City. The City Council recently approved a \$3 million accelerated spending plan, funded from General Fund Reserves: \$1 million for immediate repairs and \$2 million to begin funding the Program. That was in addition to \$1.15 million the Council had previously funded for storm drain projects.

The City established the Program to:

- ▶ Re-line about 150 deteriorated metal pipes.
- ▶ Replace about 38 storm drains.
- ▶ Install about 600 catch basin filtration devices in compliance with federal storm water regulatory requirements (and replace as needed).
- ▶ Engineer more efficient, system-wide solutions.
- ▶ Plan ahead to schedule repair and construction projects to minimize inconvenience.
- ▶ Ensure continued maintenance of all storm drains throughout the City, as newer pipes and outlets age.

Revenue Dedicated to Storm Drains Only

If the Storm Drain User Fee is approved, the City will be required by law to dedicate that revenue to storm drain projects *only*. The City has already established a restricted Enterprise Fund that will be audited by independent certified public accountants in conjunction with the annual audit of the City's financial statements. The money cannot be diverted or used for any purpose other than storm drains.

Information about the Proposed Fee

You'll find the proposed Storm Drain User Fee amount for your parcel for fiscal year 2006-07, as well as other information that was used to calculate the Fee, on the front, middle-right hand side of your ballot sheet. The City Council has set a proposed annual Storm Drain User Fee that shares the cost of the storm drain repairs based on the size of the parcel and the estimated amount of impervious area on the parcel (see page 4 for a full explanation of how individual Fees would be determined).

If approved, the proposed maximum annual Storm Drain User Fee rate for fiscal year 2006-07 will be \$86.00 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (ERU). For fiscal year 2006-07:

- ▶ The majority of residential properties would pay an annual storm drain user fee of *less than* \$86 (about \$7 a month).
- ▶ The majority of condominiums and townhouses would pay *less than* \$25 annually.
- ▶ Only about 3% of single-family residences would pay more than \$200 annually.

The City will establish a **Storm Drain User Fee Assistance Program**. The City would reimburse 50% of the annual Storm Drain User Fee to eligible low-income property owners with gross incomes under \$35,000.

Annual Public Hearing To Set the Storm Drain User Fee

Every year, the City Council will hold a public hearing to set the Fee for the following year. The Council may decide to end the Fee (for example when all projects are completed) or reduce the rate (for example, if there is another revenue source available). To enable the Program to keep up with inflation, beginning with fiscal year 2007-08, the maximum rate per ERU that may be collected each

year will increase by the amount of increase in the Consumer Price Index, *limited* to a maximum of 2% a year. During the hearing, the Council will determine the actual rate per ERU, which could remain the same, decrease or increase. However, the rate can never be higher than \$86 per ERU, the amount approved by property owners, as adjusted by a maximum 2% per year.

The Mailback Ballot Process

The California Constitution requires that the proposed Storm Drain User Fee must go through a two-step process. The first step was the public hearing held on June 21, 2005 and the second step is this property owner vote, which requires **ballots to be returned by 8:00 p.m. on August 30, 2005**. There is one vote per parcel. If a majority of Property Owner Ballots returned support the proposed Fee, the Fee may be established by the City Council. If a majority of ballots returned oppose the proposed Fee, the Fee will not be imposed. If approved, the Fee will be collected on the annual County Property Tax Bills beginning with fiscal year 2006-07.

Property Owner Ballots may be mailed or hand delivered to the City Clerk's office at 30940 Hawthorne Blvd., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275. Ballots must be received by no later than 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 30, 2005.

More Information

If you have any questions or you think that the area or impervious percentage for your parcel is incorrect, please contact Dennis McLean, Director of Finance and Technology, City of Rancho Palos Verdes at (310) 544-5377 or at stormdrainfee@rpv.com. You will also find much more information on our website, including information on how to appeal your Fee amount: www.palosverdes.com/rpv/water_quality_flood_protection.

Calculating the Storm Drain User Fee

A user fee is structured so property owners that use the system most pay the most. All properties that drain into the City's storm drain system use the storm drain system. The amount that each parcel uses the system can be measured by the amount of storm runoff contributed by the property, which is directly proportional to the amount of impervious area on a parcel (such as buildings and concrete). The more impervious area on a property, the more storm runoff the property generates. Vacant, unimproved parcels are still in their natural states and do not contribute any additional runoff to burden the system. Therefore these parcels are not charged a storm drain user fee.

The City developed an Impervious Percentage Table (top right) that shows the estimated percent of impervious cover on single-family residential (SFR) properties, based on a 10% data sampling of SFR parcels within the City of Rancho Palos Verdes. The table recognizes that larger residential properties are often proportionally less developed than smaller properties and generate less runoff per square foot. Hence, the impervious percentage rate is lower for larger residential parcels. The median residential parcel in the City (roughly 1/4 acre) has an impervious area covering 48.5% of the parcel.

Because of the variations in properties, all condominiums, SFR properties larger than 3 acres, and non-SFR properties, which include multi-family residential, institutional (such as churches and private schools) and government-owned properties, were reviewed individually to determine the actual impervious cover for each parcel. If you believe the impervious area for your parcel is incorrect, please contact Dennis McLean (contact info on page 3).

About 85% of the parcels within the City are designated SFR parcels. When we multiply the size of an SFR parcel by the impervious percentage in the table, the resulting number is the Drainage Unit. **The median Drainage Unit for single-family residences in Rancho Palos Verdes is 0.118.** That median number represents one Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU). The more ERU's a parcel has, the more storm runoff it generates and the more it uses the storm drain system.

Impervious Percentage Table

Land Use	Impervious %	Acreage Range	Square Foot Range
SFR1	74.0%	0.01-0.16	~1--7,012
SFR2	58.0%	0.161-0.20	~7,013--8,755
SFR3	48.5%	0.201-0.28	~8,756--12,239
SFR4	41.0%	0.281-0.54	~12,240--23,565
SFR5	34.5%	0.541-2.99	~23,566--130,680
Others	*		

* These properties were reviewed individually to determine the actual impervious percentage for each parcel.

The amount each parcel uses the storm drain system is computed by the following formula:

$$(\text{Your Parcel Acreage}) \times (\text{Impervious Percentage}) = \text{Drainage Units} \div 0.118 = \text{Your ERU}$$

The proposed maximum annual Storm Drain User Fee rate for fiscal year/2006-07 is \$86.00 per ERU, which equates to \$7.17 per ERU per month. For example, if your single family residential property is .23 acre, your Storm Drain User Fee would be calculated using this formula:

$$.23 \times 0.485 = 0.112 \div 0.118 = 0.9492 \text{ ERU} \times \$86 = \$81.63$$

Your Storm Drain User Fee

The parcel areas for condominiums are calculated by dividing the total area of the condominium complex, which includes the common areas, by the number of condominium units. The total imperviousness of the entire complex is attributed to each individual condo parcel in the complex. This divides the runoff of the entire complex to each of the individual units. (Because the condominium common areas are taken into consideration in this manner, they are exempt from the charge.)

Parcels within the City that have runoff flowing out of the City without going through any City drainage infrastructure are not included in this fee. There are also a number of County-maintained pipes within the City. If properties drain exclusively to these pipes they are not included in the fee.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit [www.palosverdes.com/rov/water quality flood protection](http://www.palosverdes.com/rov/water_quality_flood_protection)